

## LANSING MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR DRUG FREE YOUTH

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On behalf of Mayor Virg Bernero and members of the Mayor's Committee For Drug Free Youth, THANK YOU for supporting the 18th Annual Drug Free Youth Golf Classic. For the past 18 years, substance abuse prevention and youth development programs have been supported through the generosity given to this event by individuals and business.

On Friday, June 21st, 22 foursomes participated in the 18th Annual Lansing Mayor's Drug Free Youth Golf Classic at Groesbeck Golf Course, raising approximately \$10,000. Proceeds from the Golf Classic help fund local youth-focused prevention and intervention programs, such as Lansing Teen Court and school based mini-grants. "From 1996 to 2012, we have given a total of \$161,000 in grants," says Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, Golf Classic Event Chair. "In our early years we gave community based grants to non-profits in our community as well as school based mini grants to the Lansing School District and Teen Court."

Over 25,000 students have benefited from the Lansing Mayor Drug Free Youth grants, Mayor Virg Bernero spoke of the importance of youth-focused drug prevention and intervention at Golf Classic.

"Proceeds from the Golf Classic help keep Lansing on track to end drug abuse in our city! Community support for the Youth Drug Free Golf Classic has played a vital role in ensuring the continuation of local youth-focused prevention and intervention programs such as, School-based mini grants and Teen Court - changing lives/ending cycles for first time youth offenders".

The 18th Annual Lansing Mayor's Drug Free Youth Golf Classic could not have been possible without generous support from these major sponsors: LAFCU, PHP, Kohl's, Adelante Forward Magazine, Shaheen Chevrolet, Loomis and Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting P.C. Attorneys At Law.

Highlights of programs and outcomes supported by Mayor's Committee For Drug Free Youth

Peer Assistance Leaders (PAL) Program: "Under the guidance of PAL Adult Advisors, students are trained to be leaders and positive role models helping other students to recognize and report bullying behaviors, promote substance use resistance skills and be problem solvers. All PALs train for 8 hours and topics include Self Awareness, What it means to be a Mentor, Life skills, and Problem Solving."

TEEN COURT Juvenile Justice Intervention & Prevention Program: First time juvenile offenders charged with minor offenses are referred by the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney and 30<sup>th</sup> Juvenile Court, Family Division. Youth must take responsibility for their actions, repair the harm caused to the victim and community, complete program activities and steps, including an Accountability Hearing, to learn what a Jury of Peers require them to perform and also receive vital services to promote personal success. After offenders complete all requirements such as, returning to serve as a Peer Juror, they earn dismissal of their petition and do not incur a formal record.

Thank you Mayor Bernero! Your support made the Mayor's Drug Free Youth Golf Classic a success this year!





"To encourage and support creative youth focused efforts that address substance abuse"